

# Northwest Words

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We meet each first, third, and fifth Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

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Next Meeting is on  
**January 4, 2011**  
(Next Tuesday)

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***The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.***

## Working on the CL Manual?

If you are working in the CL manual (and if you are not, then why not?) talk with our Vice President of Public Relations, John Clark. He can always use help and that help will get you credit for helping with the newsletter (Northwest Words) or our web site, or both. John claims that the work is not difficult and it is mostly painless.

## Great Truths About Life That Little Children Have Learned

- ~No matter how hard you try, you can't bathe a cat.
- ~When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- ~If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- ~Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- ~You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- ~School lunches stick to the wall.
- ~Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- ~Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- ~Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- ~You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- ~Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- ~The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

## Great Truths About Growing Old

- ~You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- ~Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- ~Wrinkles don't hurt.
- ~Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

- ~When you stoop to tie your shoes, do everything you can while you're down there.
- ~Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but he/she can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.
- ~If you hang something in your closet for a while, it shrinks two sizes.
- ~My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves completely.
- ~Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- ~Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.
- ~It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

## Being A Mentor



ask her grandparents.

There have been some comments made about my being absent at the last meeting (December 21, 2010) and this seems like a good place to explain. I had the opportunity to do some mentoring of a young lady that will soon be old enough to join Northwestern as our newest Toastmaster. June Katherine Meehan was born on December 23, 2010. If you need more information, just

The Way it Was-December. 21, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section was opened by Brian Davidson, president. There were no Officer Reports, Committee Reports, New Business or Guests so the meeting was recessed for last minute preparations of the education session.

Joel Schanker, Toastmaster, led the education portion of the meeting with the theme "Did You Know". "Did You Know" is a power point presentation of general statements and statistics that emphasize the rate and intensity of change in the world. Joel described the presentation as well as presented many of the statements from the presentation. His conclusion is that we need to do more than sit back and watch these changes take place. We should embrace the advancements and support the changes that bring greater good to society.

The meeting continued with the assistance of: Butch Barney as Grammarian, Pam Windley as Timer, and Jessica Richardson as Vote Counter. Wordmaster Craig Thrift announced "caboodle" as the word for the evening. Caboodle means a lot or aggregate. The word was used often.

Mark Perew led the Table Topics section calling on six individuals to discuss changes in their lives. Chuck Wooten described the first cell phone he had and compared it to the one he has now. Elaine Wiles spoke about technological changes in her job of nursing. Don Barnett described the process of moving into a new home. The life changing effects of marriage was the topic for Lance Kull. Butch Barney discussed the changes in the Northwestern Toastmasters club during his tenure. Craig Thrift discussed the development of computers from card sorting program processors to the smart phones of today in response to a request from Mark to describe the first e-mail he ever sent.

Scott Hill led the prepared speech section of the meeting with "Your Body Speaks". This was speech number 5 from the Competent Communication Manual. Scott portrayed the amazing speed and prowess of skilled athletes

Nancy Wilson gave speech number 10 from the Competent Communication Manual. Her speech, titled "Grace" was an inspirational speech that lead us through her initial definition of grace as a coordination skills when she was younger to her expanding perspective that grace is "a gift given that is undeserved"

Jeff Walker prepared his presentation from Persuasive Speaking Manual, project 2 - Conquering the Cold Call. Jeff gave us tips for selling, demonstrated those tips in a role play situation of selling computer software (assisted by Don Barnett), and followed with an open question and answer session. Jeff's presentation had elements that were prepared and extemporaneous.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Marcia Barney. Suggestions for improvement include putting down items that are not props and using gestures to emphasize the words and ideas being conveyed verbally. The point to stress is practice, practice, practice. Even practice introductions if they are available prior to the meeting. Butch Barney, grammarian, recounted specific examples of grammatical miscues of individual participants in the meeting. Tonight's evaluators were:

- § Barbara Schanker evaluated Scott Hill
- § Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Nancy Wilson
- § Elaine Wiles evaluated Jeff Walker

Brian Davidson announced the winners in the education portion of the meeting.

- ü Table Topics - Butch Barney
- ü Evaluator - Elizabeth Stepp
- ü Prepared Speech - Nancy Wilson

Jokemaster, Brian Davidson, concluded the meeting with 10 items never to give to your spouse for Christmas. Yes, he was addressing the men at the meeting. Fortunately, woman have a knack for selecting gifts that will delight.

Language is a fascinating thing. The words we use today are drawn from, and have evolved for, today's usage from a wide variety of sources. One source is someone's name. An eponym is a word that has its origin in a person's name. Over the next few issues we will be looking at some eponyms and their origins.

**Mickey** -This term refers to something added to someone's drink, without their knowledge, that is designed to intoxicate, incapacitate or, at worst, kill them. The act of "Slipping someone a mickey" is common in detective stories and spy fiction. Mickey is named after Mickey Finn, a criminal who operated in Chicago in the late 19th and early 20th century.

He started off as a pickpocket whose favorite prey was the drunken patrons of the bars in South Chicago. He then became the proprietor of The Lone Star Saloon and Palm Garden Restaurant, which was where he put the technique that bears his name into practice. Finn, or one of his employees, would lace a patron's drink with chloral hydrate.

Once passed out, they would be escorted to a back room where they were then robbed and dumped into the street. When they came to, the effect of the drug left them with no memory of the events. Finn's scam was eventually exposed and the bar was closed by authorities in 1903

If at first your do succeed, try not to look too astonished.

If at first you don't succeed, swallow all evidence that you tried.

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

Please Note: The Vice President of Education is continually adjusting the schedule to meet the requirements of the members. So, if you need to see the current schedule, contact our VP of ED (see the top of the newsletter for contact information.)

Member	01 / 04 / 2011	01 / 18 / 2011	02 / 01 / 2011	02 / 15 / 2011
Steve Albon		Speaker	Evaluator	
Don Barnett, AC-B	Grammarian	Evaluator		Timer
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Table Topics	Word Master	Grammarian	Speaker
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM				
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B	Speaker	Evaluator		
Scott Hill			Word Master	Evaluator
Lance Kull, DTM	Evaluator	Toastmaster		Word Master
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Speaker	Table Topics	Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator	Table Topics		Speaker
Florian Neuhauser, CC		Timer	Speaker	Grammarian
Mark Perew, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Timer	Vote Counter
Jessica Richardson	Joke Master	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Barbara Schanker, AC-S			Speaker	Toastmaster
Joel Schanker, DTM	Speaker		General Evaluator	Evaluator
Elizabeth Stepp	General Evaluator	Joke Master	Toastmaster	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Timer		Speaker	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Grammarian	Vote Counter	Timer
Elaine Wiles, CC-G		General Evaluator	Timer	Joke Master
Nancy Wilson	Word Master	Vote Counter	Evaluator	General Evaluator
Pam Windley	Vote Counter	Evaluator		Speaker
Chuck Wooton	Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master	

**Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then contact our VP of Education.**

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